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SUMMARY:

VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN OKINAWA HAVE COME UNDER RENEWED LEFTIST ATTACK THIS WEEK, RECEIVING HEAVY PRESS PLAY.
END SUMMARY/

1. OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNOR YARA USED THE OCCASION OF AN EIGHT-MEMBER DIET DELEGATION VISIT TO THE ISLAND TO INSPECT THE

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AWASE OTH SITE TO PRESENT PETITIONS REPUESTING ACTION ON SEVEN ITEMS:

A. DISCONTINUING THE CLOSING OF THE PREFECTURAL HIGHWAY NEAR CAMP HANSON DURING MARINE ARTILLERY PRACTICE;
MSUSPENSION OF MARINE MANEUVERS AT NORTHERN DAMS;

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C. REMOVAL OF THE OTH RADAR SITE;

D. SUSPENSION OF DUMMY NUCLEAR BOMBING EXERCISES;
E. REMOVAL OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA;
F. REMOVAL OF THE U.S. FORCES OIL PIPELINE, AND
G. CANCELLATION OF THE RIF OF OKINAWAN REGIONAL EXCHANGE (ORE) EMPLOYEES.
2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTING ON THE INSPECTION OF THE OTH SITE CLAIMED THAT EVEN THE LDP TEAM LEADERS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE STRICT SECRECY AT THE SITE, AND PLAYED UP ALLEGATIONS BY THE JCP AND KOMEITO MEMBERS THAT JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SITE UNDER THE U.S.- JAPAN SECURITY TREATY WAS "QUESTIONABLE."
3. THE NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY SEPT 24 APPROVED A RESOLUTION ADDRESSED TO EMBASSY TOKYO STRONGLY REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THE U.S. FORCES OIL PIPELINES. THIS ISSUE IS RECEIVING CONTINUED HEAVY PRESS PLAY, AS IT IS CLEARLY ONE THAT HAS SOME MEANING FOR

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THE LOCAL CITIZENRY LIVING ALONG THE PIPELINE (REF A). THE PRESS HAS EVEN CLAIMED THE COURSE OF THE PIPELINE WILL INTERFERE WITH PROPOSED MONORAIL CONSTRUCTION.

4. THE NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY FURTHER PASSED A RESOLUTION URGING THAT OKINAWAN CIVILIAN VEHICLES BE PERMITTED TO PASS THROUGH THE MACHINATO HOUSING AREA PENDING ITS EVENTUAL RELEASE BY THE U.S. FORCES, CITING EXTREME TRAFFIC CONGESTION WHICH WILL BECOME MORE CRITICAL DURING EXPO-75.

5. COMMENT: THE ALLEGEDLY DANGEROUS STATE OF THE OIL PIPELINE IS RECEIVING INCREASINGLY GREATER EMPHASIS IN THE LEFT'S GRAB BAG OF ISSUES WITH WHICH TO HAMMER THE U.S. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TARADA, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE DIET DELEGATION, TOLD US THAT THE VISIT TO THE OTH SITE HAD GONE WELL, DESPITE SOME EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE COMMUNIST MEMBER. TARADA PREDICTED THAT THE OTH ISSUE WOULD DISAPPEAR OVER THE HORIZON, BUT THAT THE PIPELINE QUESTION WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY CONTENTIOUS.

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